

From the Editors

With the exception of the note on snake behaviour, the papers in this issue of *The Victorian Naturalist* focus primarily on aspects of the plant world. Considered simply as a collection of papers on natural history, there is certainly diversity within the subject matters treated here. Looked at in a different way, however, there is in fact a discernible theme running through all of the papers in this issue: they each, in various ways, are about 'change'.

The element of change in the papers by both Jayawardana and Backhouse is central to those authors' subjects. Indeed, in both cases it is heralded in the titles. In the case of the May, Sinnot and Sinnot piece on *Protuberata canescens*, what is being asked is that we henceforth change our view of the fungus. A similar case can be put for Hoser's paper on climbing behaviour in certain species of snake. The reported observations run contrary to the usual view of the matter and, ultimately, may require a change in that view.

In regard to nature, as Jean-Baptiste Karr wrote, 'plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose'.

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